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 Assistant Coach Mary Ivy/9th yr
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 Assistant CoachLaura Berg/3rd yr
 Alma Mater..... Fresno State,1998

Team Information

2002 Preseason National Ranking..16th
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost11/5
 Starters Returning/Lost8/2
 2001 Overall Record39-19
 2001 WAC Record/Finish13-3/1st
 2001 NCAA Postseason ..1-2 (Regional)
 2001 Final National Ranking..... 22nd

Bulldog History

All-Time Record (Yrs) ..1,125-374-1 (25)
 All-Time Conf. Rec. (Yrs)459-105 (25)
 All-Time WAC Rec. (Yrs) ... 184-42 (10)
 All-Time Home Rec. (Yrs) ..553-120-1 (25)
 NCAA Titles1 (1998)
 NCAA Runner-up Titles4
(1982, 1988, 1989, 1990)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances20
 NCAA WCWS Appearances12
 Conference Titles.....16
 NCAA All-Americans.....46
 Verizon Academic All-Americans.....14
 All-Region Selections.....80
 All-Conference Selections.....117
 Olympians10
 Professionals4

On the Web

Fresno Statewww.gobulldogs.com
 WAC..... www.wacsports.com
 NFCA www.nfca.org
 NCAA www.ncaa.org

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#11 SOFTBALL



This Week

Tue., April 2	at #3 Stanford	5:00 p.m.
Thur., April 4	Tulsa	6:00 p.m.
Sat., April 6	Louisiana Tech	1:00 p.m.

Next Week

Wed., April 10	Cal Poly	6:00 p.m.
Sat., April 13	San Jose State	1:00 p.m.

Last Action

Thur., March 21	at Portland State	W 3-0, W 4-2 (9 inn.)
Sat., March 23	at Loyola Marymount	L 1-0 (9 inn.), W 8-3
Mon., March 25	at #1 UCLA	L 1-0, L 7-0

Fresno State Steps Out of Conference Action

Fresno State continues non-conference action this week when the Bulldogs travel to No. 3 Stanford, Tue., April 2, for a 5:00 p.m. showdown. Fresno State, which dropped a non-conference doubleheader at No. 1 UCLA a week ago, will look to snap a two-game losing streak. The Bulldogs, who will play their 13th ranked road opponent, is 7-8 versus the Top 25 this season. Of the eight losses suffered to the Top 25, all have come on the road and five have come via two runs or less. Fresno State has played nine Top 10 teams and owns a 4-7 record, which includes a 1-0, 8-inning loss to No. 2 Stanford on Feb. 24 at the NFCA Leadoff Classic.

Bulldogs Resume WAC Play at Home

Having played its last 13 games on the road, Fresno State will return home later this week and host Tulsa on Thur., April 4, 6:00 p.m. and Louisiana Tech on Sat., April 6, 1:00 p.m. in Western Athletic Conference action at Bulldog Diamond. The Bulldogs, who are 3-1 in WAC play, sit one-game back behind league-leading Hawai'i, which is 4-0 in league action. Tulsa is in second place with a 2-0 WAC mark.

'Dogs Enjoy a Weekend of Rest

Fresno State took a weekend off from competition. The Bulldogs, who are half way through their regular-season schedule, have eight non-conference games left on the slate, including their trip to Stanford, while the remaining 20 games are WAC contests.

No Soft Schedule Here

Down the road, Fresno State will participate in the first West Coast-Midwest Challenge, April 16-17, in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the Don E. Porter Hall of Fame Stadium, site of the 2002 NCAA Women's College World Series. There, the Bulldogs will tangle with No. 9 Oklahoma and Oklahoma State (votes) to round out Top 25 competition. Of the Dogs' 28 games remaining on the regular-season, 14 will be played on the road and 14 at Bulldog Diamond. After all is said and done, Fresno State will have played 41 road games and just 27 home games to round out a 68-game regular-season schedule.

Bulldog Celebrations

Fresno State will honor head coach Margie Wright on Thur., April 4, in a pre-game ceremony commemorating her historic milestone reached last time out at home. On March 12, Wright became the first NCAA Division I softball coach and the 24th NCAA Division I coach overall, regardless of sport per records kept by the NCAA, to record 1,000 NCAA Division I wins. The NCAA's all-time winningest coach in softball, is 41 wins shy of recording 900 wins at Fresno State. In addition, Fresno State will celebrate 25 years of Bulldog Softball on Sat., April 6, in a pre-game ceremony and post-game bar-b-que for its alumni. To date, there are more than 40 alumni who are planning to attend.

Wright's Notebook

Conference Championships

WAC (2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1996)
 WAC Tournament (1998)
 Big West (1992, 1991, 1990, 1989)
 PCAA (1987, 1988)
 NorPac (1986)

WCWS Appearances & Finishes

1998 - First place (NCAA Champions)
 1990, 1989, 1988 - Second place
 1997, 1992, 1991 - Third place
 1999, 1994, 1987 - Fifth place

NCAA Regional Titles

1999, 1998, 1997, 1994, 1992, 1991, 1990,
 1989, 1988, 1987

Coaching Honors

NCAA all-time winningest coach (2000)
 National Coach of the Year (1998)
 West Region Coach of the Year
 (1999, 1998, 1996, 1990, 1988, 1987)
 Northwest Region Coach of the Year (1986)
 WAC Coach of the Year (2001, 1999, 1998, 1996)
 Big West Coach of the Year (1990)
 PCAA Coach of the Year (1988, 1987)
 NorPac Coach of the Year (1986)

USA Softball

1998
 USOC National Coach of the Year in Softball
 USA National head coach at ISF World
 Championship - gold medal
1996
 USA Olympic assistant coach - gold medal
1995
 USA Jr. National head coach - gold medal
 USA National assistant coach at Superball
 Classic - gold medal
1994
 USA National assistant coach at ISF World
 Championship - gold medal
1993
 USA National team coach for 1996 Quadrinium
1991
 USA National assistant coach at Pan
 American games - gold medal

Personal Honors

2002 Winter Olympics Support Runner
 2001 Babe Ruth Advisory Board
 2000 NFCA Hall of Fame
 1999 Illinois ASA Hall of Fame;
 Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame
 1998 Illinois State Athletic Hall of Fame
 (1973 softball team);
 Top 10 Business Women of Fresno
 1997 Decatur (Ill.) Athletic Hall of Fame
 1989 First softball coach & clinician to
 represent USIA in Czechoslovakia
 1987 International consultant for Latin
 American & Pan American Games;
 National Governing Body Assistant
 at U. S. Olympic Festival
 1986 International consultant for Latin
 American & Pan American Games
 1979 Illinois State Athletic Hall of Fame
 (pitcher)

Head Coach Margie Wright

In her 17th season as head coach of the Fresno State softball program, Margie Wright (Illinois State, 1974) has directed the Bulldogs to a national title (1998) while guiding the program to the NCAA Women's College World Series 10 times in the last 15 years. As only the second NCAA Division I coach to amass 900 or more Division I career wins entering the year, she owns an impressive 859-254-1 (.773) mark with the Bulldogs and a 23-year career record of 1,006-334-3 (.751). Becoming the NCAA's all-time career win leader on March 23, 2000 with a 2-1 victory over CS Northridge, Wright became the first NCAA Division I coach to accumulate 1,000 Division I wins on March 12, 2002 when the Bulldogs swept Tennessee Tech (4-0, 2-1). The eight-time conference coach of the year has collected 12 outright or shared conference titles, a WAC tournament championship, 10 regional championship crowns and has led Fresno State to 16 straight NCAA postseason appearances. With a NCAA title and three national runner-up trophies to her credit, Wright is the only coach in program history to garner region coach of the year honors (seven times) and is the third head coach overall at Fresno State to garner National Coach of the Year accolades (1998). Boasting a 415-73 (.850) all-time home field record and a 186-26 (.877) mark at the "new" Bulldog Diamond since 1996, Wright has averaged 52 wins a year and has coached 44 All-Americans and 12 Verizon Academic All-Americans. An assistant coach for the 1996 USA Olympic softball gold medal team, Wright also helped the USA Softball National Team to a gold medal at the 1998 ISF World Championships.

Wright Joins 1,000 Win Club

Wright has reached momentous milestones since becoming the program's third head coach in 1986. Recording career victories No. 200 through No. 1,000 at Fresno State, Wright became the NCAA's all-time winningest Division I coach with win No. 914 on March 23, 2000 (2-1 vs. CS Northridge). The 1998 National Coach of the Year entered the 2002 season 22 wins shy of being the first-ever NCAA Division I head coach to record 1,000 NCAA Division I victories. She became the first softball coach and just the 24th head coach on the Division I level, regardless of sport and per records kept by the NCAA, to post 1,000 Division I victories on March 12 with a 2-1 victory over Tennessee Tech. Overall, only three head coaches, regardless of Division, have posted at least 900 fastpitch wins entering the 2002 season: Wright (978-323-3), Sandy Jerstad of Augustana (918-320-2) and Judi Garman of CS Fullerton (913-374-4).

NCAA Top 5 All-Division Coaching Records (Entering 2002 season)

Winningest Coaches All-Time • All Divisions by Victories

(Min. 10 years as a head coach at a NCAA school; Only recognizes spring varsity fastpitch record at four-year colleges)

	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Margie Wright (Illinois St. 1980-85; Fresno St. 1986-2001)	22	978	323	3	.750
2. *Sandy Jerstad (Augustana [S.D.] 1977-2001)	25	918	320	2	.742
3. Judi Garman (CS Fullerton 1980-99)	20	913	374	4	.709
4. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2001)	18	894	271	6	.766
5. *Gayle Blevins (Indiana 1980-87; Iowa 1988-2001)	22	891	411	5	.684

Winningest Coaches All-Time • Division I by Victories

(Min. 10 years as a DI head coach; Only recognizes spring varsity fastpitch record at four-year colleges)

	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Margie Wright (Illinois St. 1980-85; Fresno St. 1986-2001)	22	978	323	3	.750
2. Judi Garman (CS Fullerton 1980-99)	20	913	374	4	.707
3. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2001)	18	894	271	6	.766
4. *Gayle Blevins (Indiana 1980-87; Iowa 1988-2001)	22	891	411	5	.684
5. Sandy Fischer (Oklahoma St. 1979-2001)	23	883	358	3	.711

Active Winningest Coaches • Division I by Victories

(Min. 5 years as a DI head coach; Only recognizes spring varsity fastpitch record at four-year colleges)

	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Margie Wright, Fresno State	22	978	323	3	.750
2. JoAnne Graf, Florida State	18	894	271	6	.766
3. Gayle Blevins, Iowa	22	891	411	5	.684
4. Mike Candrea, Arizona	16	871	172	0	.835

*Active coach (records courtesy of the NCAA)

2002 Fresno State Softball Schedule

F8-10	Fiesta Bowl Tournament	
F8	vs. #5 California	W 1-0
	vs. #10 CS Fullerton	L 4-3
F9	vs. Wisconsin	W 4-0
	at #8 Arizona State	L 2-0
F10	vs. Texas Tech	W 7-1
F15-17	Campbell/Cartier Tournament	
F15	at #23 San Diego State	W 1-0
	vs. Florida International	W 1-0
F16	vs. UC Santa Barbara	W 4-0
	vs. CS Northridge	L 5-3
F17	vs. Utah State	rain out
F22-24	NFCA Leadoff Classic	
F22	vs. #6 Washington	W 2-0
	vs. Boston University	W 5-3
F23	vs. Penn State	W 3-1
	vs. #5 LSU	L 1-0
F24	vs. #24 Mississippi State	W 3-1
	vs. #2 Stanford	L 1-0 (8)
F27	#10 PACIFIC	W 2-1 (15), W 6-1
M2	SANTA CLARA	W 7-0, W 4-0
M3	UC RIVERSIDE	W 2-0, W 1-0
M7-10	HEDRICK'S HALLOWELL	
M7	CAL POLY	rain out
M8	BAYLOR	L 2-1 (8)
	BOSTON UNIVERSITY	W 5-0
M9	INDIANA	W 9-0 (5)
	TENNESSEE TECHW 2-1 (10)	
M10	SAN DIEGO STATE	W 3-0
M12	TENNESSEE TECH	W 4-0, W 2-1
M14-17	Kia Klassic	
M14	vs. #18 La.-Lafayette	W 3-0
	vs. #13 Washington	L 5-4
M15	vs. Utah	W 2-1
M16	vs. Notre Dame	W 3-2
	at #9 CS Fullerton	L 6-0
M21	* at Portland St.	W 3-0, W 4-2 (9)
M23	* at LMU	L 1-0 (9), W 8-3
M25	at #1 UCLA	L 1-0, L 7-0
A2	at #3 Stanford	5 pm
A4	* TULSA	6 PM
A6	* LOUISIANA TECH	1 PM
A10	CAL POLY	6 PM
A13	* SAN JOSE STATE	1 PM
A16-17	West Coast-Midwest Challenge	
A16	at Oklahoma	5:30 pm
A17	vs. Oklahoma State	7:30 pm
A19	* at Hawai'i	5 pm
A20	* at Hawai'i	2 pm
A25	* at Louisiana Tech	5 pm
A27	* at Tulsa	1 pm
M1	UC SANTA BARBARA	6 PM
M2	* LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	6 PM
M4	* PORTLAND STATE	1 PM
M11	* at San Jose State	12 pm
M16-19	NCAA Regionals	All Day
M23-27	NCAA WCWS	All Day

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Fresno State Softball Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Celebrating 25 years of winning tradition will ring throughout the 2002 season for the Fresno State softball program. Recognized as a cornerstone of softball excellence since their inception, the Bulldogs boast a heritage that is hard pressed to be found elsewhere. A tradition that is held in high esteem,

Fresno State softball demand for excellence has not only delivered the first national title to the university but has produced unparalleled success both on the field and in the classroom.



#3 Stanford Notebook (28-5)

Stanford is coming off a 1-2 worksheet after opening Pac-10 play with No. 8 California (2-3, 6-0, 6-7) last weekend. Going 1-3 in their last four after winning the previous 16 The Cardinal have played just seven games at home and own a 5-2 record at the Boyd & Jill Smith Family Stadium. Stanford, which has ranked either No. 2 or No. 3 during the season, is without the services of All-America junior right-hander/utility player Dana Sorenson, who suffered a season-ending arm injury at the beginning of the year. However, junior right-hander Tori Nyberg has filled the void nicely as she is 17-3 on the season with six shutouts and 117 strikeouts in 125.2 innings for a 1.23 ERA. Nyberg, who defeated Fresno State 1-0 in eight innings on Feb. 24, had won 11 straight dating back to Feb. 24 at the NFCA Leadoff Classic before losing the first game to Cal. Batting .296 with a 1.48 ERA as a team, Stanford is led offensively by All-America senior first baseman Sarah Beeson and All-America senior center fielder Jessica Mendoza. Beeson is batting .436 (44-101) with 22 runs, eight doubles, four home runs and 31 RBI. Mendoza is hitting a team-best .444 (44-99) with 39 runs, nine doubles, three triples, 10 home runs, 16 stolen bases and 29 RBI. In the all-time series, Fresno State owns an 11-3 advantage since 1992; however, in the last six meetings, the series is tied at 3-3.

Tulsa Notebook (32-4, 5-1 WAC)

Tulsa has jumped out of the gate since the season opened for the Golden Hurricane on Feb. 9. Tulsa rattled off 19 straight victories before losing 14-6 to No. 9 Oklahoma at home last week. Tulsa, which won its first eight before going 10-2 in its first 12 and stringing together 19 victories, is coming off a 3-2 worksheet at home after dropping a game to the Sooners before sweeping Loyola Marymount (1-0, 6-5 in 8 inn.) and splitting with Portland State (3-1, 9-1 in 5 inn.). The Golden Hurricane, who is batting .289 with a 1.15 ERA as a team, is threatening to break the school's single-season record in home runs with 20 to date. The school record is 21 by the 1996 squad. Leading the way is junior infielder Crissy Strimple and senior outfielder Jessie Smith. Strimple, a junior college transfer from NE Oklahoma A&M, is batting a team-best .366 (37-101) with 20 runs, eight doubles, five home runs, 17 walks and 21 RBI. Smith, a 2000 all-WAC selection who missed a majority of last season with a broken hand, is batting .356 (32-90) with 21 runs, four doubles, four home runs, 11 walks and 16 RBI. In addition, junior infielder Danielle Olsen (.336, 39-116) leads the team in RBI (29) and hits while adding 21 runs, seven doubles, a triple and four home runs. Fresno State and Tulsa did not meet last season as all four games were rained out in Oklahoma. In the all-time series, Fresno State owns a 15-0 advantage since 1997.

Louisiana Tech Notebook (13-10, 1-4 WAC)

Louisiana Tech, which is participating in the WAC for the first time this season, has had six games rained out and between the washouts the Lady Techsters manage to sandwich a maximum of five games in between. Louisiana Tech, a program deep in softball excellence in the 1980's that saw three trips to the NCAA Women's College World Series, is under the direction of head coach Bill Galloway. Nineteen wins shy of becoming the fifth NCAA Division I coach to record 900 or more Division I career wins (881-384-2 in 24 years), Galloway was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame last fall. The Lady Techsters are coming off WAC play at home after splitting with Portland State (2-1, 0-4) and losing one to Loyola Marymount (3-0, game two called due to inclement weather). Before coming to Fresno on Saturday, Louisiana Tech will host Jackson State in a non-conference doubleheader today before traveling to San Jose State for WAC action on Thur., April 4. Louisiana Tech was a member of the Sun Belt Conference last season and posted a 4-18 league mark. With 18 winning seasons and eight postseason appearances, the Lady Techsters return six starters and 10 letterwinners from a 20-31 team. This is the first meeting between Fresno State and Louisiana Tech.

2002 Bulldog Softball Notebook

- Overall Record: 28-11
- WAC Record: 3-1
- Home: 12-1
- Away: 4-5
- Neutral: 12-5
- Preseason National Ranking: No. 16
- Highest National Ranking: No. 16
- Longest Win Streak: 7
- Longest Lost Streak: 2
- Longest WAC Win Streak: 2
- Longest WAC Lost Streak: 1
- Record vs. Top 25 Teams: 7-8
- 1-run decisions: 9-7
- 2-run decisions: 6-2
- 5+run decisions: 6-2
- Extra Innings: 3-3
- Shutouts: 16-7
- Doubleheader sweeps: 5-1
- Doubleheader splits: 1
- Hits Per Game: FS 6.18; OPP 4.33
- Runs Per Game: FS 2.87; OPP 1.36
- Leading after 5 innings: 2-0
- Trailing after 5 innings: 2-6
- Tied after 5 innings: 5-5
- Scoring first run: 20-1
- Not scoring first run: 8-10
- vs. RHP: 27-9
- vs. LHP: 1-2
- Day: 20-5
- Night: 8-6
- February: 12-5
- March: 16-6
- April: 0-0
- May: 0-0
- Monday: 0-2
- Tuesday: 2-0
- Wednesday: 2-0
- Thursday: 3-1
- Friday: 7-2
- Saturday: 9-5
- Sunday: 5-1

Bulldog Ticket Information

Season Tickets - General Admission

Adults	\$60.00
Faculty/Staff	\$50.00
High School/Senior (65+)	\$45.00

Single Game Tickets

Reserved Chairback	\$25.00
First & Third Base Risers	\$10.00
Adult (GA)	\$5.00
Youth/Senior (65+) - GA	\$3.00
Kids ages five & under	Free

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Interview Policy

All interviews with Fresno State softball players/coaches will take place before or after practice. A proper 48 hour notification is requested so that all media and interviewee needs are met. Call Jan Winslow at (559) 278-2509. Practices will be closed at times to the media. Practices are closed to the general public.

'DOGS IN USA TODAY/NFCA TOP 25

Week	Rank	Points	Record
Preseason (Jan. 23)	#16	239	39-19 ('01)
Week 1 (Feb. 20)	#13	330	6-3
Week 2 (Feb. 27)	#13	362	10-5
Week 3 (Mar. 6)	#10	429	16-5
Week 4 (Mar. 13)	#10	432	20-6
Week 5 (Mar. 20)	#10	409	25-8
Week 6 (Mar. 27)	#11	394	28-9

dogs achieved their first-ever No. 1 national ranking and were ranked No. 1 for two straight weeks in 1997 before finishing as the No. 1 team in the final 1998 USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll. In 1999, Fresno State opened the year with a No. 1 preseason ranking after winning the national title in 1998. Since March 29, 1988, the 'Dogs have been the top-ranked team five times, ranked second 35 times, ranked third 32 times, and ranked fourth 20 times. The Fresno State softball program's five No. 1 rankings is the most ever by a Bulldog athletic team.

Fresno State in Openers

In the 25-year history of the Fresno State softball program, the Bulldogs have compiled a 17-8 mark in season openers. Under Wright, the Bulldogs have tallied a 13-4 record. In home openers, the program is 21-4 while the 'Dogs are 14-3 under Wright. In conference openers, the program also is 21-4 and 15-2 under Wright. Finally, in conference home openers, Fresno State is 23-1 and 16-0 under the NCAA's all-time winningest coach.

Pacheco Swingin'

Freshman shortstop **Leticia Pacheco (Bloomington)** played a pivotal role in the Bulldogs' opening weekend of WAC play. As the No. 9 batter, Pacheco made defensive saves, turned a double play and keyed go-ahead and potential go-ahead runs for the 'Dogs. In the doubleheader versus Portland State, Pacheco had the game-winning hit with a two-out three RBI double over the left fielder's head in the sixth to give the Bulldogs a 3-0 win; Pacheco went 1-1 with a walk after connecting for her third double on the year. In the night cap, Pacheco went 1-4 and keyed a double play. In the doubleheader against Loyola Marymount, Pacheco went 2-4 and was one of two Bulldogs to have a multiple-hit game in the 1-0, nine-inning loss to the Lions. Pacheco started the eighth inning off with a hit and advanced to third before being stranded in the Bulldogs' best threat in the extra-inning loss.

JSo is SO ...

With a 19-5 record on the year that includes 30 appearances with 24 starts and 23 complete games, freshman right-hander **Jamie Southern (Clovis)** has thrown 12 shutouts, a perfect game, two no-hitters, set a single-game school record in strikeouts, has two saves and broke the school's freshman record in strikeouts while opponents are batting .128 against her for a 0.29 ERA. Tallying 13 ten-plus strikeout games, Southern has totaled 229 strikeouts in 192.2 innings (8.34 strikeouts 7/IP). Against the Top 25 in her career, Southern is 4-3 with a save, four shutouts and 84 strikeouts in 69.1 innings (8.51 strikeouts 7/IP). In her career, she owns a 21-5 mark that includes two saves, 13 shutouts with 24 complete games in 26 starts and 33 appearances. Southern has pitched 203.1 innings and has yielded 88 hits, 17 runs (eight earned), 40 walks and 243 strikeouts (8.38 strikeouts 7/IP) for a 0.28 ERA. She owns a career-best 28.0 scoreless and 11.2 hitless innings along with a streak of 92.2 innings without an earned run.

2002 Western Athletic Conference Softball Standings (4/1)

	WAC Games						All Games					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	H	A	W	L	PCT.	H	A	N
Hawai'i	7	1	.875	--	4-0	3-1	26	16	.619	15-8	6-7	5-1
Tulsa	5	1	.833	1	3-1	2-0	32	4	.935	7-2	10-1	15-1
Fresno State	3	1	.000	2	0-0	3-1	28	11	.718	12-1	4-5	12-5
Portland State	3	5	.375	4	1-3	2-2	9	16	.360	2-4	2-3	5-9
Louisiana Tech	1	4	.200	4.5	1-2	0-2	13	10	.565	3-7	10-3	0-0
Loyola Marymount	4	7	.364	4.5	3-1	1-6	17	24	.415	8-6	6-10	3-8
San Jose State	2	6	.250	5	1-3	1-3	14	30	.318	1-3	6-9	7-18

National Rankings

Fresno State softball has been no stranger to the national polls. Nationally ranked every week for 169 consecutive weeks since the NCAA's first Top 15 poll in 1983, the Bulldogs have been in the nation's Top 20 for 20 straight years. In addition, they have been in the Top 10 for 151 weeks. On March 14, 1989, the Bull-

2002 TV/Radio Schedule

AT&T Broadband - The Home Team (ch. 14) & KFSR 90.7 FM

Date	Opponent	Outlet
Feb. 27	Pacific	KFSR
Mar. 2	Santa Clara AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
	* Santa Clara (game 2)	KFSR
Mar. 3	UC Riverside AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
	* UC Riverside (game 2)	KFSR
Mar. 8	Baylor	KFSR
Mar. 8	Boston Univ.	KFSR
Mar. 9	Indiana	KFSR
Mar. 9	Tennessee Tech	KFSR
Mar. 10	San Diego State	KFSR
Mar. 12	* Tennessee Tech	KFSR
Mar. 25	at UCLA	KFSR
Apr. 2	at Stanford	KFSR
Apr. 4	* Tulsa	KFSR
Apr. 6	La Tech AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
Apr. 6	* La Tech KFSR (game 2)	
Apr. 10	Cal Poly AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
Apr. 10	Cal Poly KFSR (game 2)	
Apr. 13	San Jose St. AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
Apr. 13	San Jose St. KFSR (game 2)	
May 1	UCSB AT&T Broadband (game 1)	
May 1	* UCSB KFSR (game 2)	
May 2	Loyola Marymount	KFSR
May 4	Portland State	KFSR
May 16-19	NCAA Regionals	KFSR
May 23-25	NCAA WCWS	KFSR

* denotes web broadcast, only (no radio)

NOTE: All games can be heard live on the web at www.gobulldogs.com (except Pacific which is live radio only). In addition, select road games will be live on the world wide web as well. All games are doubleheaders except tournament contests which are single games.

FS Athletics Security

Fresno State is maintaining appropriate security measures at all its venues. The most notable change for fans will be security checks at the gates, which include the following: no backpacks, duffel bags, ice chests or large containers; purses, small handbags and thermoses will be subject to search; all cars entering parking lots adjacent to venues as well as vendors are subject to search; increased number of security and venue personnel; no pass outs will be given to allow reentry into the venues; metal detectors will be present at entrances.

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With 229 strikeouts on the season: The number of strikeouts needed by Jamie Southern to set a new single-season school record.

Take 5

Southern has garnered Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week honors five times this season. As the first pitcher in WAC history to garner four consecutive pitcher of the week accolades, Southern pitched a pair of no-hitters with a nine-day separation. Against Tennessee Tech on March 12, she recorded the program's 53rd no-hitter. Southern threw a perfect game (10th in school history -- second known perfect game in college softball at the time) against UC Riverside on March 3. Southern already has set a single-game school record in strikeouts as she threw all 15 innings and struck out 19 in the Bulldogs' 2-1 victory. The 19 strikeouts recorded broke a 20-year old record held by All-American Wende Ward (17 in 14 inn. versus Cal Poly, 1983). She also broke the school's rookie record for most strikeouts in a season with 226 against Loyola Marymount on March 23. Overall, Southern is 7-2 with a no-decision in her last 10 starts. In addition, Southern has won 10 of her last 14 starts with a no-decision and 10 of her last 16 starts with a no-decision (the five starting losses are one-run games and four of those are extra-inning games) after opening the year at 8-0.

Rookie Lineage

As the eighth freshman pitcher to collect 10 victories, Southern is one win shy of becoming just

the fourth rookie pitcher to notch 20 wins. Southern, who broke Kristen Hunter's record for most strikeouts in a rookie season (216), is chasing the likes of Terry Carpenter and Marcie Green. Carpenter holds three rookie marks while Green holds two while Carpenter, Hunter and Lindsay Parker were 20-game winners as rookies. Southern already has 229 strikeouts, 12 shutouts and is 19-5 on the year. She owns a season-best highs of four consecutive shutout wins, eight consecutive wins, 92.2 innings without an earned run, a streak of 28.0 scoreless innings and an 11.2 hitless innings pitched streak.

Rookie Recordholder

Name	Number	Category
Terry Carpenter (1989)	31	wins
	21	shutouts
	31-6	W/L
Marcie Green (1990)	15	consecutive wins
	8	consecutive shutouts
*Jamie Southern (2002)	229	strikeouts
20-Game Winners	31	Carpenter (1989)
	20	Lindsay Parker (1996)
	26	Kristen Hunter (1999)

Earning Your Top 25 Keep

Fresno State is 28-11 on the season with a starting line up that features as many as seven underclassmen. Of the first 17 games played, 10 were against Top 25 teams with eight against the Top 10 alone and three versus the Top Five. Nine of the 11 losses have come via two runs or less with seven of those being one-run losses.

Century Mark

Senior third baseman **Lindsay Fossatti (Tustin)** has broken the WAC's record in career walks and is three shy of setting a new school career mark. Having been walked 104 times in 234 career games, Fossatti broke the WAC walk record held by former Bulldog All-American Angela Cervantez (97, 1997-2000). At Fresno State, Fossatti is three shy of surpassing another Bulldog All-American Gina LoPiccolo (106, 1988-91).

Who's That

Senior center fielder **Tiffany Whipple (Fresno)** leads the team with 11 multiple hit games ... Southern leads the team with five multiple RBI games ... Fossatti has had the longest hit streak on the season at 13 ... Fresno State has outscored its opponents 10-0 in the second inning and has outscored the opponents 65-19 in innings two through five ... What's in a number: .333 ... The batting average by Fossatti (4-12) with a run, a RBI and two walks in her last four games; by sophomore second baseman **Pam Perez (Fresno)** who has recorded three multiple-hit games and has gone 11-33 with four runs, a RBI, four walks and a sacrifice in her last 11 games; and by Southern in her last three games after going 3-9 with a run, a double and three RBI ... Southern has given up a total of eight earned runs this season ... She opened the year with a streak of 54.1 innings before giving up four earned runs in 14 innings then went on a tear with a streak of 92.2 innings without an earned run ... She has since given up four earned runs in her last 32.1 innings.

Jenny Eller Challenge

Fresno State, in cooperation with the Central California Blood Center, is giving fans a break at the gates with a \$2 off coupon good for any regular-season home game.

Lunch with Margie

There are two dates left to have "Lunch with Margie" at the Silver Dollar Hofbrau. Beginning at 12:00 p.m., Wright will share her thoughts and do a question and answer session with fans once a month during the season. The remaining dates are April 8 and May 6.

**2002 USA TODAY/NFCA
Division I Top 25
Week 6 • (March 27)**

School	W/L	Pts	LW
1. UCLA (26)	29-3	674	1
2. Arizona (1)	31-4	643	3
3. Stanford	27-3	623	2
4. Nebraska	28-5	596	4
5. LSU	24-7	561	5
6. Arizona State	30-7	530	6
7. CS Fullerton	30-9	514	7
8. California	32-10	479	8
9. Oklahoma	28-8	449	9
10. Florida Atlantic	38-6	435	11
11. Fresno State	28-9	394	10
12. Washington	27-8	377	12
13. Michigan	21-6	355	13
14. Oregon State	24-9	311	15
15. Alabama	26-11	291	17
16. DePaul	14-6	245	16
17. La.-Lafayette	21-9	225	18
18. Pacific	21-10	186	19
19. Iowa	13-11	175	14
20. Florida State	31-13	149	20
21. Georgia	35-5	112	21
22. Texas A&M	24-8	97	22
23. Texas	29-9	93	NR
24. Minnesota	23-10	52	23
25. Ohio State	27-5	50	NR

() denotes first place votes

Dropped Out: South Carolina, Wisconsin.

Others Receiving Votes: Baylor (38), Wisconsin (31), South Carolina (25), Arkansas (20), Oklahoma State (17), Mississippi State (11), Long Beach State (8), Stetson (4). Two other teams (totaling 5 points) were listed on one ballot and are not included among others receiving votes.

**2002 NCAA Division I
West Region
Week 1 • (March 28)**

Schools (listed by alphabetical order)

Cal Poly	Long Beach State
CS Fullerton	Louisiana Tech
CS Northridge	Loyola Marymount
Fresno State	Pacific
Hawaii	Tulsa

(Week 1 & 2 will rank 10 teams by alpha order; Week 3, 4 & 5 will be ranked 1-10 and teams with a record below .500 will be included in week 3 ranked poll only and teams must be above .500 on all subsequent rankings).

**2002 WAC Coaches
Preseason (Jan. 18)**

School (1st place votes)	Points
1. Hawaii (4)	34
2. Fresno State (3)	33
3. Loyola Marymount	25
4. Portland State	19
5. Tulsa	14
6. Louisiana Tech	11
San Jose State	11

* Coaches cannot vote for their own teams

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Sr., 1B/2B, Vanessa Czarnecki..... Has four multiple-hit games ... has turned five double plays ... in career, ranks No. 2 in career sacrifices (61) at FS & in WAC history ... 2002 preseason all-WAC ... 7x Deans List ... 3x WAC all-Academic, WAC Scholar-Athlete & Fresno State Scholar-Athlete ... 2001 NFCA Scholar-Athlete.

Sr., 3B, Lindsay Fossatti Has seven multiple-hit games & one multiple-RBI ... had a season-best 13-game hit streak (ranks No. 8 all-time in FS history) & batted .475 (19-40, 4 R, 2 doubles, triple, 2 HR, 8 BB, 7 RBI, 29 TB, .725 slug pct.) ... has two home runs on year & ranks seventh all-time at FS (11) ... tied career high in hits with 4 vs. Texas Tech (4-4, R, 4 RBI, double, home run) ... has turned three of team's seven double plays ... has been walked 2 or more times in nine different games ... in career, ranks No. 1 in walks in WAC history & No. 2 in FS history (104) ... 2002 preseason all-WAC ... 2001 NCAA Tournament all-regional ... 2001 Verizon Academic All-American ... 2001 Harold Haak Scholarship ... 2001 NFCA Scholar-Athlete ... 3x first team all-WAC ... 3x WAC all-academic, WAC Scholar-Athlete & Fresno State Scholar-Athlete ... 7x time Deans List ... 4x Presidential List (4.0 GPA) ... Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society ... 3x WAC Player of the Week ... 1999 all-West Region.

So., DP/LHP, Lori Hoffman Has seven multiple-hit games & one multiple RBI game ... has a season-best & career-best seven-game hit streak & batted .423 (9-21) with a double, five RBI, sac fly & 10 total bases ... in the circle, has made four appearances with two starts & two relief (0-2, lost at #8 Arizona State & #9 CS Fullerton) ... in career, has 15 appearances vs. Top 25 teams with eight starts ... owns Top 25 wins over #11 DePaul, #15 Oregon State, #8 CS Fullerton ... first collegiate start vs. #11 DePaul (W 2-1) ... career-best streaks of 25.0 scoreless IP & without an earned run.

So., 2B/OF, Pam Perez..... Has seven multiple-hit games & two multiple RBI ... has a season-best five-game hit streak & batted .333 (5-15) with four runs, two RBI, two doubles, two walks, one sacrifice, seven total bases ... also notched a four-game hit streak (.700, 7-10, R, 2 RBI, SH) ... has turned four double plays ... second on team in batting, hits, runs & sacrifice hits while third in walks.

Jr., RHP, Leslie Poole Is 8-2 on year in nine starts & a 2.41 ERA ... has a win in relief vs. Penn State, Indiana & Portland State ... is 2-2 vs. Top 25 ... tied career-high six strikeouts vs. Boston University ... is 4-1 in her last seven starts with two no-decisions ... has a season-best streak of 22.1 scoreless innings ... in career, has 47.2 scoreless innings streak ... has two one-hitters, three two-hitters & two three-hitters in career... 3x WAC Pitcher of the Week ... 2001 Fresno State Scholar-Athlete ... 2001 second team all-WAC.

Fr., RHP/1B/OF, Jamie Southern... In the circle, is 19-5 in 24 starts with 12 shutouts & 229 strikeouts in 192.2 IP for a 0.29 ERA ... has 13 ten-strikeout games & is averaging 8.34 strikeouts a game ... threw a perfect game vs. UC Riverside (March 3 -- 10th perfect game & 52nd no-hitter in FS history) ... threw second no-hitter nine days later vs. Tenn. Tech (March 12) for program's 53rd no-hitter ... is 4-3 vs. Top 25 teams with a save while recording four shutouts & 84 strikeouts in 69.1 IP (8.51 strikeouts 7/IP) -- (W 1-0 vs. #5 Cal, W 2-0 vs. #6 Washington; W 2-1 vs. #10 Pacific; W vs. #18 La.-Lafayette; L 1-0 vs. #5 LSU, L 1-0 vs. #2 Stanford) ... has a season-best streak of 92.2 innings without an earned run ... had a streak of three consecutive games with 10+ strikeouts & averaged 13.0 strikeouts a game in that span (39 in 21.0 IP) ... set single-game school record 19 strikeouts vs. #10 Pacific ... has yielded 17 total runs (seven via fielding errors) ... has six multiple-hit games & five multiple RBI ... had a season-high six-game hit streak & batted .300 (6-20) with a double, three RBI & a walk ... earlier had a six-game hit streak & batted .348 (8-23, 5 R, triple, HR, 2 BB, SF, 2 RBI & 13 TB) ... five-time WAC Pitcher of the Week (Feb. 11 & 18 & 25; March 4 & 18) ... Louisville Slugger/NFCA Player of the Week (March 7) ... has turned four double plays ... in career is 21-5 career mark with two saves & 13 shutouts with 24 complete games in 26 starts & 33 appearances ... In 203.1 career innings pitched, she has yielded 88 hits, 17 runs, eight earned runs, 40 walks while striking out 243 (8.38 strikeouts 7/IP) for a 0.28 ERA ... has career-best 11.2 hitless IP streak, a career-best 28.0 scoreless IP & a career-best 92.2 innings without an earned run ... 2002 NFCA Leadoff & Hedrick's Hallowell Chevrolet all-tourney ... 2002 preseason all-WAC & WAC Pitcher of the Year.

Jr., C, Pam West..... Has nine multiple-hit games & one multiple RBI ... recorded GWH vs. No. 10 Pacific ... has thrown out 11 would-be basestealers in 23 tries ... in last two seasons, has thrown out 31 for a 63% accuracy (18-49) ... last year, led nation in percentage of runners thrown out (74%, 7-27) by catching 20 ... in career, has thrown out 44 would-be basestealers (46-90) for a 51% accuracy ... 2002 preseason all-WAC ... 2x Fresno State Scholar-Athlete ... 2000 WAC all-Academic.

Sr., CF, Tiffany Whipple..... Has 11 multiple-hit games ... had a six-game hit streak & batted .429 (9-21, 5 runs, 3 walks, SF, 2-2 SB, 2 RBI, 9 TB) ... 2002 preseason all-WAC ... WAC Player of the Week ... 2002 Deans List ... 2000 Fresno State Scholar-Athlete & WAC all-Academic... 2001 NFCA Scholar-Athlete ... 2001 second team all-WAC.